



Presidential Advisory Commission on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans; Meeting

AGENCY: White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Announcement of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the agenda for the October 26-27, 2023, meeting of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans (PAC) and provides information to members of the public about how to submit written comments before the meeting. Notice of the meeting is required and is intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend.

DATES: The PAC will be meeting on October 26 and 27, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. E.D.T.

ADDRESSES: The October 26, 2023, meeting will be held at the White House. The October 27, 2023, meeting will be in the Barnard Auditorium at the U.S. Department of Education, located at 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20202. The public may join both meetings virtually.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PAC's Statutory Authority and Function: The PAC is
established by Executive Order 14050 (October 19, 2021).
The PAC is governed by the provisions of 5 U.S.C. Chapter
10 (Federal Advisory Committees), which sets forth
standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.
The purpose of the PAC is to advise the President, through
the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, on all
matters pertaining to advancing educational equity,
excellence, and economic opportunity for Black Americans
and communities.

The PAC shall advise the President in the following areas:
(i) what is needed for the development, implementation, and
coordination of educational programs and initiatives at the
Department and other agencies to improve educational
opportunities and outcomes for Black Americans; (ii) how to
promote career pathways for in-demand jobs for Black
students, including registered apprenticeships,
internships, fellowships, mentorships, and work-based

learning initiatives; (iii) how to increase public awareness of and generate solutions for the educational and training challenges and equity disparities that Black Americans face and the causes of these challenges; and (iv) approaches to establish local and national partnerships with public, private, philanthropic, and nonprofit stakeholders to advance the mission and objectives of Executive Order 14050, consistent with applicable law.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda will include welcome remarks; a discussion of the PAC's function and mission; a discussion of the PAC's strategic priorities; panels by subject matter experts; student performances; and a group discussion. There will be a public comment period for written comments that were submitted in response to the Federal Register notice.

Access to the Meeting: An RSVP is required in order to attend the meeting virtually. Submit a reservation by e-mail to the whblackinitiative@ed.gov mailbox. RSVPs for both meeting days must be received by the end of the business day on October 25, 2023. Include in the subject line of the email request "Meeting RSVP." The e-mail must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation (if applicable), mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, of the person(s) requesting to attend. Members of the public that RSVP will get information on how to attend the meeting virtually.

Submission of written comments: The public may provide written comments pertaining to the work of the PAC prior to the October 26-27, 2023 meeting. Comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. E.D.T. on October 25, 2023 to the whblackinitiative@ed.gov mailbox and include in the subject line "PAC Written Comments: Public Comment." The e-mail must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number, of the person(s) making the comment. Comments should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document or in a medium compatible with Microsoft Word (not a PDF file) that is attached to an electronic mail message (e-mail) or provided in the body of an e-mail message. Please do not send material directly to the PAC members.

Access to Records of the Meeting: The Department will post the official report of the meeting on the Initiative's website no later than 90 days after the meeting. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009, the public may also inspect the meeting materials and other PAC records at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, by e-mailing whblackinitiative@ed.gov to schedule an appointment.

Reasonable Accommodations: The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the

contact person listed in this notice at least one week before the meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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